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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY FONMIN SCHMELZER ON
" POLITICAL PRISONERS" IN SOUTH VIET- NAM

IN RESPONSE GIVEN MAY 2 TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS,
FONMIN SCHMELZER SAID " A CERTAIN MEASURE OF RETICENCE
BEFITS THE NETHERLANDS" WITH RESPECT TO FATE OF
" POLITICAL PRISONERS" IN SOUTH VIET- NAM. SCHMELZER
NOTED THAT UNDER PARIS AGREEMENTS, PEOPLE OF SOUTH
VIET- NAM MUST FIND SOLUTION TO THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS
WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. SCHMELZER SAID THAT HE
STOOD BY EARLIER PROMISE TO SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY
TO EXERT EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE AND THAT HE TRUSTED
QUESTIONERS WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS
POSSIBLE TO DISCLOSE MOVES BEING MADE IN VIEW OF
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